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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER STARR

I AM TROUBLED BY THE FACT THAT PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR
SORZANO HAS BEEN RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS ON THE STARR CASE
DIRECTLY FROM PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON. I DO NOT
QUESTION THE RIGHT OF PC HEADQUARTERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH
ITS PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD AND VICE VERSA AND I ALSO RECOGNIZE
THAT PC HAS A SPECIAL ROLE IN THIS CASE. NEVERTHELESS, I
CONSIDER THAT THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF
THE STARR CASE IN COLOMBIA RESTS WITH THE CHIEF OF MISSION, AND
TO DISCHARGE THIS RESPONSIBILITY EFFECTIVELY AS CHARGE
I NEED TO HAVE ALL COMMUNICATIONS PASS THROUGH ME AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF OUR TASK FORCE HERE. I WOULD HOPE THAT
PEACE CORPS WASHINGTON WOULD SHARE MY CONVICTION THAT
IF COMMUNICATIONS ARE NOT CHanneled IN THIS WAY, THE TASK OF
COORDINATING OUR EFFORTS WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT AND THE
RISKS OF ERROR MULTIPLIED. RECENTLY FOR EXAMPLE, MR. SORZANO
RECEIVED BY POUCH FROM PEACE CORPS WASHINGTON A LETTER MRS.
JENSEN HAD ADDRESSED TO HER SON. TODAY, HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL
FROM ONE OF THE AIDES OF THE PC DIRECTOR IN WASHINGTON WHO
SPECULATED ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF RECENT PRESS REPORTS
ON STARR'S RELEASE. THE LATTER CONTACT IS PARTICULARLY DISTURBING
BECAUSE IT REALLY SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT THE STARR CASE
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SHOULD NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF PHONE CONVERSATIONS OVER UNSECURED
LINES WITHOUT THE MOST COMPELLING REASON.
MOREOVER WE HAVE A FUNCTIONING SATELLITE TELEPHONIC LINK WITH
WASHINGTON THAT IS SECURE AND WHICH CAN BE USED WHEN CABLES ARE
NOT FEASIBLE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE FOREGOING OBSERVATIONS
COULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON PEACE CORPS EXECUTIVES

IN WHATEVER MANNER IS THOUGHT APPROPRIATE.

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